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## Local Government Briefings for July 30th

Week of July 30, 2020

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# Briefings



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## Announcements

### East West Gateway 2019 Annual Regional Congestion Report

As an MPO for the St. Louis region with a population over 200,000, East-West Gateway is required to maintain a regional Congestion Management Process (CMP) as part of its ongoing transportation planning process. The CMP is a systematic and regionally accepted approach for managing congestion that provides accurate and up-to-date information on transportation system performance. The CMP requires monitoring of the transportation system and evaluation of congestion. EWG produces an Annual Regional Congestion Report that identifies congested locations on the region's transportation system. The report evaluates congestion levels and provides an area wide picture of how travel on various roadways is affected by congestion. The 2019 Annual Regional Congestion Report can be viewed at: [2019 Congestion Report](#)

### East West Gateway Call for Projects for the Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP)

East West Gateway opened a Call for Projects for the Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) for both Illinois and Missouri applicants on June 4, 2020. Applications are due by August 20, 2020. Additional information including eligibility, funding availability, and application procedures is available on the TAP Call for Projects webpage

at : [www.ewgateway.org/TAPCall](http://www.ewgateway.org/TAPCall).

### **Missouri Department of Transportation COVID-19 Updates**

The Missouri Department of Transportation has a COVID-19 briefing webpage that includes information about traffic volumes, [fuel tax revenue and potential impacts to projects](#), MoDOT Program Delivery and Maintenance Operations, movement of goods, interstate rest areas, along with other updates.

### **Metro Transit Addressing COVID-19 Updates**

During the COVID-19 crisis Metro Transit has implemented a COVID-19 webpage to address the number of changes to transit operations to [protect riders and operators](#) and minimize potential exposure to coronavirus, while continuing to provide transportation options for anyone who needs to connect with essential jobs and services.

### **Illinois Department of Transportation COVID-19 Updates**

The Illinois Department of Transportation has implemented a webpage that offers several steps to help reduce the risk of COVID-19, [while keeping the commitment](#) to protect the health and safety of the public and our employees. IDOT will continue to focus on keeping infrastructure in safe and in good condition.

### **East-West Gateway's Office Temporarily Closed**

We have temporarily closed East-West Gateway's office to the public until further notice to support the region's efforts to slow the spread of COVID-19. We are committed to the safety of our employees and to assisting the cities, counties, public health organizations and others in the region that are working to address the COVID-19 crisis.

During this time, most of our staff will continue their work remotely and are available via email and phone. Please visit the [staff directory](#) to find their contact information. Additionally, upcoming EWG committee meetings. For information on the status of these and other meetings, check our [online calendar](#).

We are utilizing virtual options for upcoming public meetings or open houses and we will post updates on our website and social media. We encourage local government officials, community leaders and all residents of the region to work together in combating and containing the spread of the coronavirus. For more guidance and information, check out the following resources:

- For general questions about COVID-19, visit [health.mo.gov](http://health.mo.gov) or call (877) 435-8411 in Missouri or visit [dph.illinois.gov](http://dph.illinois.gov) or call (800) 889-3931 in Illinois.
- For national updates, visit the [Centers for Disease Control](#).

- For cities, the [Missouri Municipal League](#) and the [International City-County Management Association \(ICMA\)](#) have pulled together a variety of strategies and resources related to the outbreak.
- To get connected to local resources (housing, food, health care, mental health support), contact United Way's 2-1-1 service.

## RFP/RFQ/RFA Notifications

- **Great Rivers Greenway** — [RFQ for Civic Community Engagement Services](#)
- **Duckett Creek Sanitary District** — [RFB for Petroleum Fuel](#)
- **Missouri Department of Natural Resources** — [RFA for Electric Vehicle Infrastructure](#)
- **City of Crestwood, MO** — [RFP for Crestwood Plaza Redevelopment Area](#)



## Upcoming Events

**Editor's Note:** Due to precautions concerning COVID-19, many events in our region are being canceled or postponed. Please verify with the status of an event with its organizers before attending or registering.

### July 30: **Virtual Open House**

#### Visit the St. Louis County Action Plan for Walking and Biking Virtual Open House

Take a brief survey, see an interactive map of the proposed walking and biking network and offer your location-specific comments. Learn more about the proposed improvements throughout St. Louis County. [Visit the Virtual Open House today through August 7th.](#)

### July 31: Check for times **Zoom Webinar**

#### "Virtual Outreach" on the Greenways: 3 Sessions

The Great Rivers Greenway outreach team has missed talking with people at community events the last few months! It's been hard for them over the last few months, but to help fill that void in their hearts, we will be [holding three online](#) Virtual Outreach sessions that are open for all to join. There are few things that our outreach team enjoys more than meeting new folks and hearing their stories from around the greenways. Since we can't meet at public events right now, we will be holding three Zoom sessions, so you can ask questions about our more than 128 miles of completed greenways, get updates about greenway projects, or share your own

greenway experiences! Ask questions, get updates and share your greenway experiences!

#### **July 28 - Jul 30 Virtual Conference**

**The Fourth Bi-Annual Great Connections Conference & Expo** is going virtual Tuesday, July 28 through Thursday, July 30th. Connect and learn online. This conference is hosted by the Great Lakes and Great Rivers Chapters of the International Erosion Control Association (IECA). Virtual sessions will be accessible from any devices and will be provided in a combination of recorded and live stream. Register today – IECA member rate \$50, non-member rate \$100. Early bird pricing ends Tuesday, July 21st.

#### **Events and Conferences Further Out**

##### **Update**

**National Association of Transportation Officials (NACTO) Designing Cities conference** 2020 will not be held in person. The Designing Cities conference will pivot to a new virtual structure and platform this year.

#### **Aug. 6-7**

**MML Elected Officials Training Conference** This annual conference provides a nuts and bolts review of the myriad of important issues municipal officials face on a regular basis, from Sunshine Law, budgets, public official liability, conflicts of interest to leadership and more! While the Conference focuses on providing the knowledge base newly elected municipal leaders need to effectively govern, the changes that continually occur in the municipal arena make this a Conference that all officials should attend.

#### **September 8-10, 2020**

##### **Meet us in St. Louis for the 2020 Missouri Public Transit Conference Under the St. Louis Arch**

The Missouri Public Transit Association is gearing up for the 2020 Missouri Transit Conference and Expo this September under the newly renovated St. Louis Gateway Arch. Early Bird registration ends in August for the 2020 Missouri Transit Association Annual Conference & EXPO to be held at the Marriott Grand Hotel in St. Louis on September 8-10, 2020.

#### **September 18 New Date**

##### **North County Incorporated's 43rd Annual Leadership Breakfast**

North County Incorporated will recognize local leaders for their contributions to the North County region at its 43rd Annual Leadership Breakfast at the Marriott St. Louis Airport.



## Headlines

*The latest in state and local government news from around the region and across the country.*

### **Misinformation on Coronavirus is Proving Highly Contagious**

Experts worry the waves of bad information is dangerously undermining efforts to slow the virus, currently the death toll in the U.S. hit over 150,000 this week. By far the highest in the world, according to the tally kept by Johns Hopkins University. Over a half-million people have died in the rest of the world. The flood of misinformation has posed a challenge for Facebook, Twitter and other platforms, which have found themselves accused of censorship for taking down virus misinformation. As the world searches to find a vaccine and a treatment for COVID-19, there is seemingly no cure in sight for the outbreak of coronavirus conspiracy theories. Rather than fade away in the face of new evidence, the claims have flourished.

### **Seattle Region Local Governments Will Continue Remote Work Until 2021**

In the Seattle region, the city and county governments worked together to come up with a plan. Seattle local governments agreed to keep employees who can work remotely at home through at least January 8, next year. The move to allow workers to telecommute into early 2021. The decision to keep many Seattle employees at home through the end of 2020 may be hard on downtown Seattle's economy in the short term. Seattle's telework policy applies to all employees who can perform their regular duties remotely; employees impacted by facility closures; and employees with non-essential duties.

### **Britain Is Creating a Government Organization Devoted to Biking and Walking**

The United Kingdom is creating a new government organization geared exclusively at promoting cycling and walking. The program is intended not just to create more bike lanes, but to ensure higher quality lanes. The government's new guidelines will require any bike lane projects applying for funding to segregate cyclists from heavy motor traffic at intersections and on the roads between them. The plan also expresses a sense of urgency on health funding. The government's announcement presents active travel more as a measure to boost public health and reduce obesity than to cut pollution and as a specific response to the coronavirus crisis.

## **Sewage and Flooding Woes in Centreville 'Urgent' as Senators Call on EPA to Help**

The Two Illinois U.S. senators are calling on the federal government to address an urgent public health crisis in Metro East. It is the persistent flooding and sewage problems that have long plagued Centreville and nearby communities. Centreville ranked last year as the poorest city in the nation. The city of about 5,000 people is 15 minutes from downtown St. Louis. In areas of Centreville, dirt trenches line the streets and drain runoff instead of storm drains. The trenches have not been maintained. They fill with standing water and trash and overflow into yards and homes. In a downpour some streets with storm drains are quickly overwhelmed which led to flooding streets and trapping residents. The city's sewer system relies on nearly 30 above-ground pumps to move wastewater through the lines. Most are broken.

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## **Professional Development**

### **UNITE: ICMA Annual Conference 2020**

**International City/County Management Association is the leading organization of local government professionals dedicated to creating and sustaining thriving communities throughout the world.**

In light of the COVID-19 health crisis and to prioritize the well-being and safety of our members, exhibitors, sponsors, and partners, we are making changes to the ICMA Annual Conference. We will not host an in-person experience. Instead, for the first-time ever, ICMA is launching a digital event that will take place September 23-26, 2020. Our mission is to bring local government professionals together from around the globe to learn from each other and address the new realities of our communities. UNITE: A Digital Event will go beyond the four days scheduled for the event. It will be a journey of the community coming together well before September arrives, being part of something bigger that's worth getting excited about, and continuing to stand together as a profession well after the event is over. [Registration information>>](#)

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## Latest Jobs

The job listings below are provided as a service to our member governments and are updated weekly. To submit your job posting, email [briefings@ewgateway.org](mailto:briefings@ewgateway.org) by **Noon** on Thursday for inclusion in that week's edition.

### Administration/Finance/GIS

#### Senior Accountant

**East West Gateway | \$DOQ**

#### Staff Accountant

**East West Gateway | \$40,752**

#### GIS Specialist

**O'Fallon, IL | \$48,300 to \$54,300 DOQ**

#### City Administrator

**Sunset Hills, MO | \$110,000 to \$120,000**

#### Public Information Coordinator

**St. Louis County | \$24.45/hour to**

**\$39.11/hour**

#### Account Technician

**Collinsville, IL | \$20.00 per hour**

### Planning and Development

#### Senior/Multi-Disciplinary Building Inspector

**Brentwood, MO | \$46,837 - \$57,522.**

#### Code Enforcement Officer/Housing

#### Inspector

**Brentwood, MO | \$40,460.- \$42,924. DOQ**

### Public Works

#### Wastewater Process Control Manager

**Wentzville, MO | \$60,216.00 - \$66,040.00**

#### Street Maintenance Worker

**Wentzville, MO | \$38,917.00**

#### Utility Worker

**O'Fallon, MO | \$19.80-\$21.75 DOQ**

#### Chief Plan Review Engineer

**St. Charles County, MO | \$59,848 - \$74,809**

#### Customer Service Coordinator

**Wentzville, MO | \$18.71 to \$20.31 per hour**

#### Utility Crew Leader-Sewer Lateral Insurance Program

**O'fallon, MO | \$24.77 to \$33.76 per hour**

#### Street Maintenance Worker

**O'fallon, MO | \$18.88 to \$25.43 per hour**

#### Storm Water Maintenance Supervisor

**O'fallon, MO | \$28.88 to \$32.74 DOQ**

#### Facilities Management Project Manager

**St. Charles County | \$64,014 to \$82,290**

#### Waste Water Plant Operator

**Collinsville, IL | \$27.33 per hour**

## **Parks and Recreation**

Parks and Recreation Director

Richmond Heights, MO | \$89,800 -  
\$103,000

## **Public Safety**

Corrections Technician

Wentzville, MO | \$18.71 per hour

Police Officer

Wentzville, MO | \$26.25 per hour

Police Officer

Crestwood, MO | \$53,000 - \$ 55,650 (DOE)

*(Bold indicates new job posting)*



## **Grants**

### **Lead Based Paint and Lead Hazard Reduction**

#### **Demonstration Grant Programs**

Application Deadline:TBD

The purpose of the Lead-Based Paint Hazard Control (LHC) and the Lead Hazard Reduction grant programs (LHRD) is to identify and control lead-based paint hazards in eligible privately owned housing for rental or owner-occupants. The Lead-Based Paint Hazard Control Grant program is the largest program in terms of dollar amount and number of grants. The main distinction between the two programs is that the LHRD program is targeted to urban jurisdictions (either alone or through a consortium) that have at least 3,500 pre-1940 occupied rental housing units, while the LBPHC program is open to all jurisdictions, urban, suburban or rural. Also, the requirement for grantee match is higher (25% vs. 10%) for the LHRD than for the LBPHC program. Both programs have a stellar track record across the country. Funding opportunities are published in the annual Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) and is available online.



## **FY 2021 Supporting Equitable Development and Environmental Justice in Brownfields Communities Grant Guidelines**

Application Deadline: September 21, 2020

This notice announces the availability of funds and solicits applications from eligible entities, including nonprofit organizations, to provide direct technical assistance to communities nationwide on the integration of environmental justice and equitable development when developing solutions to brownfields cleanup and revitalization challenges. EPA anticipates awarding one grant for an estimated \$600,000. The award is anticipated to be funded incrementally on an annual basis over three years, at approximately \$200,000 per year. The application submission deadline is September, 21, 2020..

### **Rural Sewer Grants**

Application Deadline: TBD

Limited funding for Rural Sewer Grants is available for Construction of a wastewater collection system for unsewered areas or construction of wastewater improvements to meet more stringent permit limits. Eligible applicants are rural public sewer districts, public water districts and communities of less than 10,000 population (applications for the greater St. Louis and Kansas City metropolitan areas are not eligible). The maximum grant amount is the lesser of 50 percent of the eligible project cost or \$3,000 times the number of service connections, up to \$500,000.

### **Missouri Department of Conservation (MDC) Offers Grant Assistance to Communities**

Application Deadline: TBD

The Missouri Department of Conservation (MDC) offers grant assistance to communities interested in establishing or improving habitat (for pollinators, song birds, and other wildlife, or utilizing native plants to provide ecosystem services for residents. Grants are typically between \$3,000- \$10,000, but MDC will accept applications up to \$50,000. [More information is available online.](#)

### **Missouri Department of Transportation (MoDOT): Freight Enhancement Program**

Application Deadline: July 31, 2020

MoDOT's Freight Enhancement Program is focused on improving and maintaining the high priority freight assets and corridors that are critical to the movement of freight into, out of, within, and through Missouri. This program is based on partnerships with freight stakeholders and public officials to identify the greatest freight movement needs and remove barriers to

efficient movement of goods through capital improvements to the system. Since SFY 2014, 19 projects totaling over \$5.3 million have been funded through the program.

### **Metro East Park and Recreation District (MEPRD) FY21 Community Planning Grant Program**

Application Deadline: May 31, 2021, at 3:00 PM

Metro East Park and Recreation District (MEPRD) now offers grant funding for parks/greenway master planning and bicycle/pedestrian master planning. Eligible applicants include municipalities, townships, counties, transportation districts and park districts located within St. Clair and Madison Counties in Illinois. Refer to the application for complete details and requirements.

### **Municipal Park Grant Commission — Planning Grants**

Application Deadline: Ongoing

The Municipal Park Grant Commission initiated the Planning Grant process to assist municipalities in developing strong, well-planned, applications. This program awards grants to municipalities in order to help plan future parks and recreation projects. Unlike the construction grants, planning grants must be met by a 20% match by the municipality, and cannot exceed an award amount of \$6,400. They are also awarded on an ongoing basis with applications accepted at any time during the year.

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## Quotes

*"The best way to enhance freedom in other lands is to demonstrate here that our democratic system is worthy of emulation."*

— Jimmy Carter (1924)

James Earl Carter Jr. is an American politician, philanthropist, and former farmer who served as the 39th president of the United States from 1977 to 1981. A member of the Democratic Party, he previously served as a Georgia State Senator from 1963 to 1967 and as the 76th governor of Georgia from 1971 to 1975.

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